

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully solicited.

Claims 76 through 91, all newly-presented, are pending, with Claims 76, 80, 84, and 88 being independent. Claims 1, 23, and 54 through 75 have been cancelled without prejudice.

Claims 1, 23, and 54 through 75 were variously rejected under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 over newly-cited U.S. Patent No. 6,072,483 (Rosin, et al.), taken alone or in combination with U.S. Patent No. 6,591,421 B1 (Sullivan) and Official Notice. All rejections are respectfully traversed.

Claims 76, 80, 84, and 88 variously recite, *inter alia*, that when a print instruction is received from a user (Claims 76 and 84) or when it reaches a time set in advance (Claims 80 and 88), the allocation means or step allocates the optional codes different from each other to the respective processes relating to the functions other than the some of the multiple functions, and the output means or step outputs the list information to printing means.

However, Applicants respectfully submit that none of Rosin, et al., Sullivan, and Official Notice, even in the proposed combinations, assuming, *arguendo*, that the documents could be combined, discloses or suggests at least the above-discussed claimed features as recited, *inter alia*, in Claims 76, 80, 84, and 88. Also, the taking of Official Notice is respectfully traversed in the absence of a cited reference. MPEP 2144.03. It is further respectfully submitted that there has been no showing of any indication of motivation in the cited documents that would lead one having ordinary skill in the art to arrive at the above-discussed claimed features.

The dependent claims are also submitted to be patentable because they set forth additional aspects of the present invention and are dependent from independent claims discussed above. Therefore, separate and individual consideration of each dependent claim is respectfully requested.

Applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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